

Writing Standard Articulated by Grade Level

Strand 1: Writing Process

Research has established the major steps of the writing process. These steps are identified in the five concepts of this strand, each supported with specific performance objectives. While all steps are needed and used by effective writers as they compose text, different skills may be emphasized in individual assignments. These steps may be used recursively as a piece moves toward completion. Throughout the process, students should reflect on their own writing skills, set goals, and evaluate their own progress.

Concept 1: Prewriting Prewriting includes using strategies to generate, plan, and organize ideas for specific purposes.		
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
PO 1. Generate ideas through class discussion. PO 2. Draw a picture about ideas generated through class discussion.	PO 1. Generate ideas through prewriting activities (e.g., brainstorming, webbing , drawing, writer's notebook, group discussion). PO 2. Draw a picture or storyboard about ideas generated. PO 3. Organize ideas using simple webs , maps, or lists. PO 4. Discuss the purpose for a writing piece. PO 5. Discuss who the intended audience of a writing piece will be.	<i>PO 1. Generate ideas through prewriting activities (e.g., brainstorming, webbing, drawing, writer's notebook, group discussion).</i> PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate) of a writing piece. PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece. PO 4. Maintain a record (e.g., list, picture, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.

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Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
<p>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., brainstorming, graphic organizer, drawing, writer's notebook, group discussion, printed material).</p> <p><i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade) of a writing piece.</i></p> <p><i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i></p> <p>PO 4. Use organizational strategies (e.g., graphic organizer, KWL chart, log) to plan writing.</p> <p><i>PO 5. Maintain a record (e.g., list, pictures, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i></p> <p>PO 6. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</p>	<p><i>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., brainstorming, graphic organizer, drawing, writer's notebook, group discussion, printed material).</i></p> <p><i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade) of an intended writing piece.</i></p> <p><i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i></p> <p><i>PO 4. Use organizational strategies (e.g., graphic organizer, KWL chart, log) to plan writing.</i></p> <p><i>PO 5. Maintain a record (e.g., list, pictures, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i></p> <p><i>PO 6. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</i></p>	<p><i>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., brainstorming, graphic organizer, drawing, writer's notebook, group discussion, printed material).</i></p> <p><i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade) of an intended writing piece.</i></p> <p><i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i></p> <p><i>PO 4. Use organizational strategies (e.g., graphic organizer, KWL chart, log) to plan writing.</i></p> <p><i>PO 5. Maintain a record (e.g., list, pictures, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i></p> <p><i>PO 6. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</i></p>

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<i>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., prior knowledge, discussion with others, printed material, or other sources).</i>	<i>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., prior knowledge, discussion with others, printed material, or other sources).</i>	<i>PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., prior knowledge, discussion with others, printed material, or other sources).</i>
<i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade, to explain) of an intended writing piece.</i>	<i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade, to explain) of an intended writing piece.</i>	<i>PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade, to explain) of an intended writing piece.</i>
<i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i>	<i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i>	<i>PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.</i>
<i>PO 4. Establish a central idea appropriate to the type of writing.</i>	<i>PO 4. Establish a central idea appropriate to the type of writing.</i>	<i>PO 4. Establish a central idea appropriate to the type of writing.</i>
<i>PO 5. Use organizational strategies (e.g., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn Diagram, web, story map, plot pyramid) to plan writing.</i>	<i>PO 5. Use organizational strategies (e.g., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn Diagram, web, story map, plot pyramid) to plan writing.</i>	<i>PO 5. Use organizational strategies (e.g., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn Diagram, web, story map, plot pyramid) to plan writing.</i>
<i>PO 6. Maintain a record (e.g., list, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i>	<i>PO 6. Maintain a record (e.g., list, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i>	<i>PO 6. Maintain a record (e.g., list, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.</i>
<i>PO 7. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</i>	<i>PO 7. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</i>	<i>PO 7. Use time-management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.</i>

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*PO 1. Generate ideas through a variety of activities (e.g., brainstorming, notes and logs, **graphic organizers**, record of writing ideas and discussion, printed material or other sources).*

PO 2. Determine the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to communicate, to persuade, to explain) of an intended writing piece.

PO 3. Determine the intended audience of a writing piece.

*PO 4. Establish a **controlling idea** appropriate to the type of writing.*

*PO 5. Use organizational strategies (e.g., outline, chart, table, graph, **Venn Diagram, web, story map, plot pyramid**) to plan writing.*

PO 6. Maintain a record (e.g., list, journal, folder, notebook) of writing ideas.

*PO 7. Use **time-management strategies**, when appropriate, to produce a writing product within a set time period.*

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Concept 2: Drafting Drafting incorporates prewriting activities to create a first draft containing necessary elements for a specific purpose.		
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
PO 1. Communicate by drawing, telling, or writing for a purpose. PO 2. Create a group draft, scripted by the teacher.	PO 1. Write a draft (e.g., story, caption, letter, observations, message).	PO 1. Write a draft with supporting details. PO 2. Organize details into a logical sequence.

Concept 2: Drafting Drafting incorporates prewriting activities to create a first draft containing necessary elements for a specific purpose.		
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details. PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.	<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details.</i> <i>PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.</i>	<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details.</i> <i>PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.</i>

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Concept 2: Drafting Drafting incorporates prewriting activities to create a first draft containing necessary elements for a specific purpose.		
Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details.</i>	<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details.</i>	<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop a draft with main idea(s) and supporting details.</i>
<i>PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.</i>	<i>PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.</i>	<i>PO 2. Organize writing into a logical sequence that is clear to the audience.</i>

Concept 2: Drafting Drafting incorporates prewriting activities to create a first draft containing necessary elements for a specific purpose.
High School
<i>PO 1. Use a prewriting plan to develop the main idea(s) with supporting details.</i>
<i>PO 2. Sequence ideas into a cohesive, meaningful order.</i>

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Concept 3: Revising Revising includes evaluating and refining the rough draft for clarity and effectiveness. (Ask: Does this draft say what you want it to say?)		
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
PO 1. Reread original draft scripted by teacher or individual.	PO 1. Reread original draft for clarity.	PO 1. Reread original draft for clarity.
PO 2. Add additional details with prompting.	<i>PO 2. Add additional details with prompting.</i>	PO 2. Add additional relevant details for audience understanding. PO 3. Evaluate the draft for use of one or more writing elements, with the assistance of teacher, peer, checklist, or rubric . (See Strand 2)

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Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)	<i>PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)</i>	<i>PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)</i>
PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.	<i>PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i>	<i>PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i>
PO 3. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning of the draft.	<i>PO 3. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning of the draft.</i>	<i>PO 3. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning of the draft.</i>
PO 4. Use a combination of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.	<i>PO 4. Use a combination of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.</i>	<i>PO 4. Use a combination of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.</i>
PO 5. Modify word choice appropriate to the application in order to enhance the writing.	<i>PO 5. Modify word choice appropriate to the application in order to enhance the writing.</i>	<i>PO 5. Modify word choice appropriate to the application in order to enhance the writing.</i>
PO 6. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review , checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.	<i>PO 6. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.</i>	<i>PO 6. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.</i>
PO 7. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	<i>PO 7. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.</i>	<i>PO 7. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.</i>

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Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i> PO 3. Delete irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose. PO 4. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning or to enhance the writing style. PO 5. Add transitional words , phrases, and/or sentences to clarify meaning or enhance the writing style. PO 6. Use a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound) to improve sentence fluency in the draft. <i>PO 7. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.</i>	<i>PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i> <i>PO 3. Delete irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i> <i>PO 4. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning or to enhance the writing style.</i> PO 5. Add transitional words , phrases, and/or sentences to clarify meaning or enhance the writing style. PO 6. Use a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) to improve sentence fluency in the draft. PO 7. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review , checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.	<i>PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i> <i>PO 3. Delete irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.</i> <i>PO 4. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to clarify the meaning or to enhance the writing style.</i> PO 5. Add transitional words , phrases, and/or sentences to clarify meaning or enhance the writing style. PO 6. Use a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) to improve sentence fluency in the draft. PO 7. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review , checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.

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<i>PO 8. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.</i>	<i>PO 8. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.</i>	<i>PO 8. Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.</i>

Concept 3: Revising

Revising includes evaluating and refining the rough draft for clarity and effectiveness. (Ask: Does this draft say what you want it to say?)

High School

PO 1. Evaluate the draft for use of ideas and content, organization, voice, word choice, and sentence fluency. (See Strand 2)

PO 2. Add details to the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.

PO 3. Delete irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft to more effectively accomplish the purpose.

PO 4. Rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs in the draft in order to clarify the meaning or to enhance the writing style.

*PO 5. Add **transitional words** and phrases to the draft in order to clarify meaning or enhance the writing style.*

*PO 6. Use a variety of sentence structures (i.e., **simple, compound, complex**) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.*

*PO 7. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., **peer review**, checklists, **rubrics**) to refine the draft.*

PO 8. Use resources and reference materials (e.g., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.

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Concept 4: Editing Editing includes proofreading and correcting the draft for conventions.		
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
PO 1. Review the draft for errors in conventions, with prompting. (See Strand 2)	<i>PO 1. Review the draft for errors in conventions, with prompting. (See Strand 2)</i>	PO 1. Review the draft for errors in conventions. (See Strand 2) PO 2. Use simple resources (e.g., word walls , primary dictionaries) to correct conventions.

Concept 4: Editing Editing includes proofreading and correcting the draft for conventions.		
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)	<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i>	<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i>
PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.	<i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i>	<i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i>
PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions, although may be inconsistent or experimental.	PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.</i>
PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review , checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.	<i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>	<i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>

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Concept 4: Editing Editing includes proofreading and correcting the draft for conventions.		
Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i> <i>PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.</i> <i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>	<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i> <i>PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.</i> <i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>	<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i> <i>PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.</i> <i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>

Concept 4: Editing Editing includes proofreading and correcting the draft for conventions.
High School
<i>PO 1. Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. (See Strand 2)</i> <i>PO 2. Use resources (e.g., dictionary, word lists, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.</i> <i>PO 3. Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.</i> <i>PO 4. Apply appropriate tools or strategies (e.g., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.</i>

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Concept 5: Publishing Publishing involves formatting and presenting a final product for the intended audience.		
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
PO 1. Share a finished piece of writing.	PO 1. Rewrite and illustrate selected pieces of writing for sharing with intended audience. PO 2. Write legibly.	<i>PO 1. Rewrite and illustrate selected pieces of writing for sharing with intended audience.</i> <i>PO 2. Write legibly.</i>

Concept 5: Publishing Format and present a final product for the intended audience.		
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
PO 1. Prepare writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia) appropriate to audience and purpose. PO 2. Share the writing with the intended audience. PO 3. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product. PO 4. Write legibly.	<i>PO 1. Prepare writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia) appropriate to audience and purpose.</i> <i>PO 2. Share the writing with the intended audience.</i> <i>PO 3. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product.</i> <i>PO 4. Write legibly.</i>	<i>PO 1. Prepare writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia) appropriate to audience and purpose.</i> <i>PO 2. Share the writing with the intended audience.</i> <i>PO 3. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product.</i> <i>PO 4. Write legibly.</i>

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Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
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<i>PO 2. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product.</i>	<i>PO 2. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product.</i>	<i>PO 2. Use margins and spacing to enhance the final product.</i>
<i>PO 3. Use graphics (e.g., drawings, charts, graphs), when applicable, to enhance the final product.</i>	<i>PO 3. Use graphics (e.g., drawings, charts, graphs), when applicable, to enhance the final product.</i>	<i>PO 3. Use graphics (e.g., drawings, charts, graphs), when applicable, to enhance the final product.</i>
<i>PO 4. Write legibly.</i>	<i>PO 4. Write legibly.</i>	<i>PO 4. Write legibly.</i>

Concept 5: Publishing Publishing involves formatting and presenting a final product for the intended audience.
High School
<i>PO 1. Prepare writing that follows a format appropriate for the purpose (e.g., for display, sharing with others, or submitting to a publication).</i>
<i>PO 2. Include such techniques as principles of design (e.g., margins, tabs, spacing, and columns) and graphics (e.g., drawings, charts, graphs), when applicable, to enhance the final product.</i>
<i>PO 3. Write legibly.</i>

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